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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1146 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Flavored Tobacco Products and Cigarettes.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Smith V BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill makes the manufacture, distribution, or advertising of flavored cigarettes a Class A infraction, and provides that the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission may revoke the registration or sales certificate of a person who manufactures, distributes, or advertises flavored cigarettes.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Revenues: If additional court cases occur and infraction judgments and court fees are collected, revenue to the state General Fund may increase. The maximum judgment for a Class A infraction is \$10,000, which is deposited in the state General Fund.

If court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, a court fee of \$70 would be assessed, 70% of which would be deposited in the state General Fund if the case is filed in a court of record or 55% if the case is filed in a city or town court. In addition, some or all of the document storage fee (\$2), automated record keeping fee (\$7), judicial salaries fee (\$18), the public defense administration fee (\$3), the court administration fee (\$5), and the judicial insurance adjustment fee (\$1) are deposited into the state General Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: If additional court actions are filed and a judgment is entered, local governments would receive revenue from the following sources. The county general fund would receive 27% of the \$70 court fee that is assessed in a court of record. Cities and towns maintaining a law enforcement agency that prosecutes at least 50% of its ordinance violations in a court of record may receive 3% of court fees. If the case is filed in a city or town court, 20% of the court fee would be deposited in the county general fund and 25% would be deposited in the city or town general fund. Additional fees may be collected at the

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discretion of the judge and depending upon the particular type of case.

<u>Background Information</u>- As of September 2009, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration placed a ban on the production, sale, and advertising of candy- and fruit-flavored cigarettes.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

<u>Information Sources:</u> http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm183211.htm

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